

Do not limit satellite radio in any form. If I need "local" news, I'll tune in a local station (even though most are 70+ miles away) when I'm away from home. In some areas, the local station is a repeater and what limits a "local" station from 70+ miles away from giving "local" news that is not applicable to the local area. Grants, NM is 75-100 miles from Albuquerque, but their "local" stations have repeaters in Grants so we can have "local" news for Albuquerque? Same in Lake City, CO, why is a "local" station broadcasting news, etc for an area 100 or so miles away? Now, how is that different for the satellite radio broadcasters/programming?

When I'm in an area I need/want info for, I'll use the local stations and turn off the satellite radio. If I need local news, same thing, I'll use a local station (more than likely a TV station, vice a radio station) for my info. BUT, when driving long distances, the satellite is better than changing stations every hour or so and then what about those long drives thru mountains, where there is NO reception of ANY station except a satellite. The law officers in these areas depend upon satellite communications BECAUSE there is no other method that will "penetrate" these areas. Are you going to limit their communications methods, I think not. So why not just leave the satellite stations alone and the market will "shake" itself out, just as it has before AM vs. TV vs. FM vs. communications radios vs. cell phones, etc.

I support a free society (and did my time protecting our rights to free speech) but it is time I spoke up and I did. Reject the NAB's 04-160 "request".